Interpellation.

10. II. Will Government be pleased to furnish a comparative statement of taxation per head of the population for the last financial year in the States of Travancore, Mysore and Cochin and the British Territory in the Madras Presidency?

11. III. Will Government be pleased to state whether they contemplate enhancing or reducing the tariff value of teak?

Mr. C. Raman Tampi.

12. I. *The Department of Industries.*

(i) Will Government be pleased to state the amount of money spent on this Department from the date of its organisation and the annual expenditure on account of this Department under existing arrangements?

(ii) Will Government be pleased to mention the industries started in Travancore under the control of the Department?

(iii) Will Government be pleased to state whether State aid is now given to industries in Travancore and if so the names of such industries, and the nature and extent of such aid?

Answer.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

The information is being collected and will be furnished when ready.

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

The matter is under consideration.

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

The amount of money spent on the Department of Industries from the date of its organisation is Rs. 1,00,793. The annual expenditure on account of this Department under existing arrangements is Rs. 56,300.

The industries so started are

(1) Shellac industry.
(2) Apiculture.
(3) Factory industries:—
  (*a*) Oil distillation.
  (*b*) Jaggery manufacture.
(4) Cottage industries:—
  (*a*) Weaving industry.
  (*b*) Bamboo industry.
  (*c*) Screwpine industry.

State aid is given to some industries.

They are (1) Button manufacture.
(2) Brush making.
(3) Pharmaceutical works.
(4) Pencil manufacture.

Button making.

The lease for the right of collecting shank-shells from Travancore seas and other waters was given to Mr. L. A. Netto of Valiathurai, Trivandrum, for a period of 20 years, on condition that he should start a button factory in the State before the end of the current Malabar year. Mr. Netto has ordered the necessary machinery and a factory will be established shortly.

Brush making.

Arrangements are being made by Mr. Goerss of the Lutheran Mission of Nagercoil to start brush making as a cottage industry at Ramavarmapuram in Nagercoil. Government have sanctioned an initial grant of Rs. 300 to this industry.

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